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Re: WLOB (AM), Portland, Maine
Facility Identification Number: 9202
Atlantic Coast Radio, LLC
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 12, 2009, on behalf of Atlantic Coast Radio, LLC ("ACR"). ACR requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on October 18, 2005, to operate Station WLOB with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, ACR states that it has retained a new consulting engineer, who has redesigned the station's phasing and coupling equipment in order to properly adjust its antenna system.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation but that additional time is required for completion of the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLOB may

¹ WLOB is licensed for operation on 1310 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. ACR must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² ACR must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 20, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Atlantic Coast Radio, LLC

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).